

Arkansas Health Information Technology (HIT) Task Force Meeting
Dr. Joseph Thompson, Surgeon General
Ray Scott, MSW, State Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Wednesday, June 02, 2010
University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture
Cooperative Extension Services Auditorium
2301 South University Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Chairman: Joseph W. Thompson, MD, MPH
Surgeon General, State of Arkansas

Task Force Members

Nancy Archer	John Blanch	Valerie Bond	Sandra Brown
Tom Chilton	Paul Cunningham	David Easley	Eldrina Easterly
Nancy Elphingstone	Vicki Farmer	Jonathan Fuchs	M. Dwain Gordon
Drenda Harkins	Caryol Hendricks	John Herzog	Chris Holmes
Debbie Hopkins	Robert Hopkins	Kelly McLelland	Sip Mouden
Kevin Newton	Kym Patterson	James Penrod	Nathan Ray
Maria Reynolds-Diaz	Nena Sanchez	Rowland T. Stewart	Melinda Wilkins
James Winningham			

Executive Committee Members

Claire Bailey	Paul Halverson	Randy Zook
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ACHI Staff Present

Lindsey Clark	Kathryn Hazelett	Stephanie Jackson	Alison Nicholas
Jennifer Pagan	Ray Scott	Joseph Thompson	

Meeting Notes

- Meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Dr. Thompson, with a welcome to all in attendance and a reminder to state name and organization if asking questions.
- Dr. Thompson acknowledged the newly formed HIT Office and role of the HIT Coordinator.
- Ray Scott, State Coordinator for Health Information Technology, served as moderator for the remainder of the meeting and began by acknowledging the following:
 - An appreciation for the leadership offered by Dr. Thompson, ACHI and Amy Rossi's role in coordinating the state HIT/HIE efforts;
 - The transition of the Task Force to the Stakeholder's Forum has begun;
 - The ongoing organization and responsibilities for the Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT) will continue to be a hybrid organization.

- Mr. Scott reviewed the Executive Order establishing OHIT, the Health Information Exchange Council, the Stakeholder's Forum, the responsibilities of each, and the underlying principles for HIT. Mr. Scott then reviewed the upcoming transition of the Task Force to the new Stakeholder's Forum.
- Next, Mr. Scott provided an update on two additional items:
 - The Strategic Plan status and upcoming milestones;
 - The RFI process update and next steps
- Jonathan Fuchs (AFMC) provided an update on the REC efforts and introduced new, key personnel:
 - Director – Debbie Karwoski
 - Project Coordinator – Brittany Shachmut
 - Interim President and Chief Executive Officer – John N. Robbins, FACHE
 - Liaison for Marketing – Eldrina Easterley
 - Data Manager – Nathan Ray
- Following Mr. Fuchs, Debbie Hopkins (DHS) provided an update on the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) efforts and provider incentive program efforts. Ms. Hopkins also introduced Drenda Harkins as the Acting Assistant Director for the Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services.
- Mr. Scott provided an update on the formation of OHIT and introduced Kathryn Hazelett and Shirley Tyson as new staff members.
- Dr. Thompson brought the meeting to a close at 11:15, thanking Ray, Kathryn and Shirley for their commitment in taking the project forward, and acknowledging the significant progress made by the HIT Task Force, HIT Executive Committee and the ACHI project team over the last 10 months.